

Fremont Conservation Commission
06-16-08 Minutes



Fremont Conservation Commission
Minutes of June 16, 2008
Approved July 7, 2008

Present: Chairman John (Jack) Karcz, Members Janice O'Brien, Tina Sturdivant, Pat deBeer, Bill Knee and Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Chrm. Karcz opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

MINUTES

Mbr. deBeer made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 2, 2008 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mbr. Sturdivant with unanimous favorable vote.

Mbr. Sturdivant made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 2, 2008 non-public meeting as written.

The motion was seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote.

PRIME WETLAND

Mrs. Bolduc reported that she spoke via phone this afternoon with Mark West who related that he has digitized about half of the 26 newly designated prime wetlands and the work is going very well. He expects to finish digitizing later this week or early next week and will send the digitized data to Dollard Associates to be put on the Tax Map. He will be sending an invoice for the work he has finished to date. He will also take the completed project to NH DES for their acceptance. Mr. West said that he will produce a final aerial overlay map for the Town and submit all original aerial pictures.

HJALMER ANDERSON

Map 6 Lot 060

Mbr. O'Brien reported that she got an e-mail from Mary Carrier of RCCD saying that Mr. Anderson will look at the Easement language. She noted that Mr. Anderson wants the Conservation Commission to also review it. Mbr. O'Brien stated that she got an e-mail from Tom Brouillette who said he dropped the survey off to Mary Carrier for her to review and she said it was fine, but Mr. Anderson has subsequently moved some of the stakes for the area of the Easement which meant that the lines needed to be redone. Mbr. O'Brien understood that Mr. Brouillette was to redo the lines today. It was noted that once the plan is done the legal description will be drafted and the easement can be executed.

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At 7:35 pm Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to enter into non-public session, pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (d), to discuss possible consideration of acquisition of real property.
Mbr. deBeer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved 5-0.

At 8:20 pm Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to return to public session.
The motion was seconded by Mbr. deBeer and unanimously approved 5-0.

Mbr. Sturdivant made the motion that, pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 III, in as much as divulgence of the information presented likely would affect adversely the action here enclosed and render it ineffective, the minutes of the non-public session held at tonight's meeting be sealed until such time as, in the opinion of a majority of the Members of the Fremont Conservation Commission, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.
The motion was seconded by Mbr. Knee and unanimously approved 5-0.

ERICA WASHBURN
PHD student at the UNH Cooperative Extension

At 8:22 pm Ms. Washburn met with the Members and introduced herself as a PHD student at the UNH Cooperative Extension studying land use decision making. She is visiting area towns and sitting in on meetings to learn the decision making process of the various municipal boards and commissions. She said that she is hoping to interview Chairmen and/or Members of the boards and commissions or someone who has the prospective of how decisions are made. The Members were very receptive to Ms. Washburn's project, she thanked them for their time and left the meeting at 8:30 pm.

ERLAC

Signs

Mbr. Sturdivant said that the protected river sign at the rail trail will be in place soon.

The Commission discussed the invoice received from RPC for the annual ERLAC dues in the amount of \$150.00 and Mbr. O'Brien made the motion that the invoice be paid from the ERLAC dues line in the current budget.

The motion was seconded by Mbr. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

ANDREW, ROBERT, DOUGLAS AND KIMBERLY
MAP 6 LOT 003-004

The Commission Members received and reviewed a notice of the June 24, 2008 ZBA Public Hearing for Robert, Douglas and Kimberly Andrew seeking a Special Exception to Article IX Section H of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance to allow the creation of a driveway and parking area on their property located at 11 Rogers Road, Map 6 Lot 003-004, closer than 100' to a wetland across the street from their property. The driveway and parking area would be associated with a proposed building for a pet grooming business. The Members also received a June 11, 2008 request from the Andrews for a referral to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), as required by the same Zoning Article as well as a comment sheet from the ZBA.

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The Members viewed the plan submitted which showed the proposed driveway construction to be 77' feet from a wetland across the street (Rogers Road) , a proposed parking area 90.51' from the same wetland and 80.34' from a wetland on the subject property. Mbr. Knee noted that according to the plan there is room on the property for the parking area and the driveway to be moved away from the wetland so it would not need to encroach at all.

The Members agreed to issue the following comment on the comment sheet:

The Conservation Commission requests that the plan proposed be changed to maximize the distance from the driveway and parking lot to the wetland by shifting the parking area back and moving it over to the northeast. It appears that it could be designed in such a way as to meet compliance. We would like to meet with the owner to discuss why a special exception is needed.

After more discussion the Members agreed to issue the letter of referral with the same concerns expressed in the comment sheet. They also agreed to request the owners to attend their next meeting to discuss the proposed plan.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

1. Notice and application form relative to NH's Natural Resources Volunteer Program, a 12 week core training for Community Tree Stewards, Earth Team and Wonders of Wildlife Volunteers.

Mbr. deBeer made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Motion seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote.

Meredith Bolduc
Recording Secretary